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*"After a people have been once enlightened by the Spirit of God, and have had great knowledge of things pertaining to righteousness, and then have fallen away into sin and transgression, they become more hardened, and thus their state becomes worse than though they had never known these things."* BOOK OF MORMON, ALMA 24: 30.

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## MEN AND NATIONS OF DESTINY*

PRESIDENT ANTHONY W. IVINS

THE ASSEMBLING of the present congregation of people in this historic building to-night is unusual, unique, and to me significant.

I am not a believer in the doctrine of predestination and election to the extent that it is believed in and taught by some people. Created in the image of God, endowed with reason, taught by His holy word that I am a creature responsible for the application that I make of the intelligence with which He has endowed me, for the free agency which in His mercy He has bestowed upon me, it is my belief that I am the master of my own destiny.

A merciful Creator has endowed me with sufficient of divinity that I may discern between right and wrong, good and evil. He has blazed a trail along which the finger of the Lord has written on the sign-boards which are placed along the way, the words: Faith, Hope, Charity, Humility, Toleration, Patience, Righteousness and Justice. He has manifested to me, as plainly as though His own voice had declared it, that if I follow this path, which is straight and narrow, but nevertheless easy to follow, it will lead me back into the presence of God, from whence I came, to

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enjoy the companionship of the Father and of Christ our Lord, His Only Begotten Son, the Redeemer and Saviour of the world.

There is another road, broad and easy to follow; and many there are who walk in it. There is music; there are dancing girls and singing boys, and worldly pleasures, all along the way. The finger on the sign-boards points to power, selfishness, personal ambition and aggrandizement, the gratification of the baser instincts of men and women, the lure of gold, the lust of conquest, indifference to the rights or necessities of others. It leads on to war and conquest, and at the end we find only disappointment, remorse, and hopeless death.

Of these two paths, Christ our Lord, in love and sympathy, pleads with us to follow the first. The enemy of righteousness, with pomp and show, and noise and bluster, tells us that the broad road is easiest to follow and that blessings await us when the end is reached, which blessings were never his to give; and he thus deceives many who blindly walk in that road.

God will not compel me to walk in either of these paths. He manifests to me which of the two I should follow, and leaves me to act as I choose. It is this personal agency which makes me a responsible being, and as I exercise it for the accomplishment of good or of evil, I will be rewarded or punished when I stand before His bar, as we must all stand, to be judged according to the deeds done in the body.

### HEAVEN DECREED PLANS AND PURPOSES

Just as I believe that I am the master of my own destiny, so do I believe that the God of heaven has certain designs, definitely decreed, the accomplishment of which neither individuals nor nations can frustrate or bring to naught.

I believe that for the accomplishment of His purposes He raises up men and nations, foreordained for the work which they accomplish, never themselves understanding that they are called of God, not comprehending the source of the impulse which impels them to action.

Such was the calling of John Wycliffe; of William Tyndale, who came a century after. Such was the calling of Martin Luther. These men, and others who worked with them, opened the eyes of the people to the truth of holy writ; and once the Bible was opened to the masses, the chains of priestcraft and kingcraft, with which the world was fettered, had received a death-blow.

When the books are opened and we come to understand better the agencies employed by the God of Abraham in bringing about the fulfilment of the promises made to the house of Israel, we will see clearly that it has not been because of numerical strength alone, not because of her superior human intelligence or wisdom, that Great Britain has expanded from a comparatively

small kingdom into a great empire; but rather because she is a nation of destiny, an instrument in the hands of the Lord in preparing the way for the fulfilment of the words uttered by the months of His holy prophets—definite and unchangeable words, which Christ our Lord declares shall be fulfilled to the very letter.

### PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN LIBERTY

Wherever Anglo-Saxon men have gone from the land of their birth, whether it be to the United States of America, Canada, Australia or New Zealand, they have carried with them those principles of human liberty, equality and justice which are written upon the tablets of their hearts as indelibly as they are written in their great Magna Charta, the principles of which have been, and must continue to be, the basis of human liberty.

It is this which has made Great Britain, and the countries which have been colonized by men of her blood, the dominant power of the modern world.

Who can deny the fact that it has been because of the strong religious convictions of the English people that this miracle of the latter days has been made possible, and that to the Church of England the credit for this great accomplishment is largely due?

I believe that the Episcopal Church has done more to make the Holy Bible an open book to the people of the world than has any other single agency. It has carried this sacred record to every corner of the known world, and has placed it in the hands of millions of people who before knew nothing of its contents.

It has maintained a Christian Sabbath, not a day for bull-fighting, baseball and moving-pictures, but a day of rest, meditation and worship. It has taught faith in Christ our Lord, and pleads with the people of the world to accept Him for what He is, the Son of God and the Redeemer of the world.

Is this a good work, or is it not?

From the beginning of time two influences or powers have striven for the mastery of this world in which we live—one the Spirit of Christ our Lord; the other the spirit of Lucifer, a son of the morning, who rebelled against God, and has from that time fought against Him, seeking by subterfuge, vain glory and appeal to our baser instincts to lead us away from God and Christ.

### GOOD PROCEEDS FROM GOD

The Lord has made plain to us that everything which is good, and which induces or persuades men to do good, proceeds from Him, through Christ His Son; while that which is evil, and enticeth men to do wrong, proceeds from the arch-enemy, to whom I have referred.

This struggle for supremacy is not yet ended. In fact the crucial test is yet to come.

The time draws near, and it is not far distant, when the supreme issue is to be decided. The enemy is marshaling his forces as never before. With ridicule, flattery, misrepresentation and worldly praise he seeks to turn the minds of men from the word of God, to follow after fables.

When the bugle call to arms is sounded, and the banners of Christ and Antichrist are unfurled, as they will be, we expect to be there as we are here to-night, under the banner of Christ, which is the symbol of liberty, righteousness and justice. This banner never will be furled until Christ shall reign as King, while peace, plenty and human happiness will cover the earth as the waters do the mighty deep.

It is in this spirit that we assemble here to-night in fraternity and friendship, with Bishop Moulton, who, because of his life and example among us, we highly esteem, the Episcopate and members of the church which they represent, and our friends and brethren who are present.

It is in this spirit that we cheerfully tender the use of this building.

It is in this spirit that we say to all who are present: God be with you, and with all people who conscientiously work for the accomplishment of that which is good, for the glory of God and Christ our Lord.

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## WHY I AM A "MORMON"

ELDER SAMUEL MARTIN

PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION

AS A RESULT of the commendable activities of President Samuel Martin of the South African Mission, and of his corps of worthy missionaries, leading journals of that far-off land have opened their columns for discussions of "Mormonism." The following brief writing appeared in the *Cape Argus*, Cape Town, South Africa, in an issue of recent date.—Editor *M. S.*

"Mormonism," so-called, holds to-day the unique position which Christianity occupied in the minds of the Jewish and heathen nations during the first century. It stands alone and unmatched for its wonderful comprehension and clear teachings of all the many and varied phases declared of God through the prophets of old, and by the Lord Jesus Christ, as being necessary for the salvation and development of the human race.

It declares to the world that God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ have again manifested themselves, granting to man an absolute knowledge that they *are*, and that man is indeed created in their bodily image and after their likeness; that our spirits are very literally the offspring of the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, even as His is. For God the Father and

the Son did actually appear to Joseph Smith, and the Father declared: "Joseph, this is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!"

It is true that John is recorded as having declared that "No man hath seen God at any time; the Only Begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." Yet there are many passages in the Old Testament declaring that He was seen by "Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink."—Exodus 24: 9-11. Also, Isaiah 6: 1: "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." I might quote others, but let these suffice.

God declared to Joseph Smith the Prophet, chosen to usher in the dispensation of the fulness of times, that "no man has seen God at any time in the flesh, except quickened by the Spirit of God", which easily harmonizes with John's words on the Saviour's declaration, and by no means destroys the older scriptures.

"Mormonism" offers a knowledge of the things of God with such a reasonable clearness that doubt vanishes, and the light of truth pours into the soul, dispelling uncertainty as to who man is, whence he came, why he is here, and what will be his destiny if he is obedient to the divine laws of God.

"Mormonism" does not teach for doctrine the commandments of men; it declares: Thus saith the Lord. The teachings are in perfect harmony with the laws of God as declared through the prophets of the Old and New Testaments.

The Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants and the Pearl of Great Price are offered to the world without any hesitation or apologies, yet in humbleness and all sincerity, as the word of God, given again to establish the truth, and for the confounding of traditional and false teachings, which have so distorted and destroyed a true knowledge of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and substituted for them a mystic and passionless spirit, through which millions to-day and in the past have been led to reject a study of the scriptures as being of no interest or value to them.

These books contain the revelations of God through His prophets, and instructions received by the visitations of angels from the heavens. They have been published to the world fearless of anything therein failing of fulfilment, or of science proving them wrong, even though they deal with scientific truths not before made known to the world. But God hath so ordained that they should be brought forth for the light and guidance of man in this day, "the times of the restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."

"Mormonism" enjoins very strict obedience to all the laws and ordinances as taught by Jesus Christ; that such ordinances must be administered by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, which has been reestablished through the Prophet Joseph Smith, who was called and ordained to the Aaronic Priesthood by the Angel John the Baptist, and to the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood by Peter, James and John, who came as messengers from the heavens for that purpose.

Moses came as an angel from heaven and restored the keys and authority to dedicate and consecrate the land of Palestine for the gathering of the children of Israel from their long dispersion, which was formally and prophetically done as commanded, in the year 1841 by Elder Orson Hyde; this work has steadily grown in favour since that day.

Elijah has come and restored the keys and instructions for the building of the temples wherein the work for the salvation of the dead by holy and sacred ordinances is performed by proxy, which was indicated by the Prophet Malachi (4: 5 and 6): "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

The world may scorn and cry: "Mormonism!" but many thousands of us do assuredly know with all faithfulness that the teachings commonly called "Mormonism" are indeed the power of God unto salvation, and that darkness and doubt have fled, and the true light again now shineth, and if any man will do His will, he may know of this doctrine—that it is of God.

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## A LEGACY OF THE AGES

Elder George W. Romney

The desire to know great people is a common trait of humankind. It is evidenced by the thousands who gather to obtain a glimpse of some eminent person of the day. Lovers of poetry—great would be their happiness to grasp the hand of Kipling; or better, to converse with him for one hour. What man of science would think lightly of an opportunity to hold private discussion with Edison? Many have felt their souls enriched by but brief association with such men of outstanding ability; but the opportunities for such associations are limited.

Because we are unable to make frequent contact with eminent men are our lives to be robbed of desirable help that is to be gained thereby? Are we to encounter life's problems without the valuable background that could be gained through such contacts?

If we so desire, these questions may be answered negatively. It may be that we cannot meet the acclaimed man of the hour, but we can receive guidance from the great minds of all ages—those of immortal acclamation, whose deeds and precepts live forever. They wait for us but to seek an introduction.

Do you ask where? In every city and village they wait by the thousands—wait to strengthen, ennoble and beautify our lives with their richest thoughts and ideals, imparted not in the imperfect language of chance conversation, but in words that have come by inspiration and deliberate meditation. This store of wealth is deposited in the libraries and bookstores of the world. Neglect not this priceless legacy of the ages!

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## NICOTINE FOR RATS AND MEN

Elder Alvin G. Pack

In a well-known city in the United States two manufacturing plants are situated. One makes a deadly rat poison—sure to kill—with every package labeled: "This is Pure Nicotine." The other establishment manufactures cigars and cigarettes, which also contain "pure nicotine", but which are not advertized as poison.

The first product kills rats; the other kills men. The one kills quickly; the other slowly.

A five-year old boy found a fragment of a cigar in a discarded coat, swallowed it, and died within a few minutes. Yet grown men, claiming to possess intelligence, deliberately inhale the drug habitually.

Tobacco is demoralizing and killing men, all over the world, by the slow process of nicotine poisoning—thus prolonging the suffering instead of making short work of it.

Why not have a law requiring that every package of cigarettes, every cigar, every plug and every sack of tobacco be labeled "poison"? When this is done, tobacco manufacturers will complain of business depression—the business of robbing men of their vitality—and human life will lengthen.

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I have been a member of the Church nearly four years, and through "Mormonism" I have proved that everything is possible unto God; that as our days, so shall our strength be; that everything works together for good to those who love and fear God; that man does not live by bread alone; and that if we remain faithful to the end we shall be at last saved in the kingdom of God.—G. H. Strickland, in a letter to the Editor.

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## EDITORIAL

## A BOOK AND A TESTIMONY

THE WORLD'S THOUGHT conforms more and more to the Gospel message. Humanity seems driven to render help in the latter-day work of the Lord. This significant fact is nowhere more evident than in the vicarious service for the dead; and is well illustrated by a recent publication entitled, *A Catalogue of British Families*, by T. R. Thomson.

This book is of special interest and value to Latter-day Saints of British extraction, who are seeking their genealogies, for it contains an alphabetical list, arranged according to family names, of practically all family histories published in Great Britain. A person who can establish connection with any of these prepared pedigrees will find himself possessed at once of the names and vital data of hundreds, sometimes thousands, of his ancestors.

The Nauvoo temple was dedicated in 1845. In that temple, baptisms for the dead in Houses of the Lord, in this dispensation, were begun. Since each person is responsible for the work for his own ancestors, an immediate need developed for family pedigrees and full genealogical information. Before 1845, from the invention of printing, about 242 British family histories had been published, chiefly of the so-called noble lines. Between 1845 and 1928 there were published about 1,724 British family histories, most of them dealing with the families of commoners. That is, during the eighty-two years following the opening of the Nauvoo temple more than seven times as many family histories were published as during all the preceding centuries of printing. The largest number were published after 1877, when the St. George temple was dedicated, and full temple ordinances for the dead were first instituted in this dispensation.

The urge to write family histories does not root in love of money, for the sales of such books seldom pay the cost of publication, to say nothing of the labour of preparation. It is rather the love of family—the turning of the hearts of the children to the fathers—the very spirit that actuates those who seek to serve their ancestors in holy temples.

Lord Farrer, President of the Society of Genealogists, makes a happy suggestion in the introduction written for the book in question:

> Let us all take to genealogy instead of cross-word puzzles, and enliven

our dinner-party conversations . . . by asking our neighbour for the Christian and surnames of his or her four grandfathers and four grandmothers.

So will the study of genealogy flourish, and perhaps (I say it with reverence) the above question will find its way into . . . the curriculum of "elementary" if not of "secondary" schools, when greyhound racing and the nature of "odds" (now taught in schools as "stocks and shares") has long been forgotten.

Such statements have full meaning to the Latter-day Saints who, impelled by religious duty, desire complete genealogies of their ancestors. To them the world-wide movement in behalf of genealogy testifies that the Lord is moving upon all humanity, often most mysteriously, to prepare ways and means for the accomplishment of His mighty purposes.—W.

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## ETHICAL MEN

You must have met many. There are millions. They are to be found in every city and hamlet. I refer to ethical men. The respected men of the world are frequently thus classified. They declare belief in God, love for fellowmen and adherence to the moral code.

Let it be understood that most ethical men belong to churches—ethical churches. They are not usually particular what church; they may have a choice among several. They see the good in mankind, and they accept the good in all creeds—at least they are tolerant. They launch welfare movements. They believe the Bible, as they understand it. They quote the golden rule. They believe that all mankind is going to one place, but by many roads. Love God and live a good life, they say. Profession of faith is secondary—if it holds place at all.

Ethical men are honest. They deal fairly. They are honest by instinct and by training. Experience has taught them that honesty pays unfailing dividends, while dishonesty brings embarrassment, and leads to failure. Their measures are full; their weights are just; their work is well done; their patrons are satisfied. As a matter of good business, ethical men are honest.

Ethical men are dependable. Their word is sure; their bond is good. Their appointments are kept; their obligations are met. They speak truth as they know it.

They are temperate. Good taste and good sense keep them from excesses. Average intelligence leads them to observe, at least in a fair degree, the known laws of health. Perhaps they are teetotalers. Many never touch tobacco. Some abstain from tea and coffee. They know the injurious effects of these stimulants, and, by sheer reasoning, from the comfort, health, economic point of view, they are led to shun them.

They avoid immorality. They know its by-products—disease, misery and poverty. They have witnessed nauseating depravity; they have seen soul-sickening, abandoned, human wrecks. Reason again, and the spark of divinity that glows in all men, induces them to be clean-living—to be morally above reproach.

They are charitable. They are generous in their opinions and judgments. They whose characters are above reproach seldom maliciously air the failings of others. They are charitable, too, in a material way. They aid worthy causes; they give freely to the needy and help the unfortunate.

They are usually happy—or think they are. Men who live honest, temperate, moral, charitable lives have reason to be happy. They have a code of ethics—partially adequate—that holds against mild storms and moderate currents of life. They are not adrift in the world as are those derelicts who disregard the laws of God and man.

They believe themselves religious—these ethical men. Do they not love God and serve man? Is not that creed sufficient? They may be members, leaders or founders of organizations that are styled churches; but such churches, devised after the ways of men, are essentially ethical.

What do ethical men lack? The rich young man who asked the Master what he should do to inherit eternal life was ethical—he was morally above reproach. But, he lacked faith sufficient to renounce this world's goods to follow the world's Saviour. Ethical men lack faith—a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, if you please—sufficient to follow where they cannot see—to comply with simple and saving requirements of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, because the finite reasoning of man cannot explain their need, and places no premium upon them.

Is ethics enough? A code of ethics does not make clear man's relationship to his Father in heaven. A code of ethics does not explain the meaning and purpose of life, the preexistence and glorious destiny of man. A code of ethics does not give full comfort to the bereaved mother; it does not put the glow of confident readiness upon the countenance, as the life-traveler approaches the journey's end. A code of ethics does not solve a thousand and one problems of life that true religion—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—does solve.

They who suppose that a code of ethics is a substitute for, or equivalent to, religion, have mistaken the part for the whole, the effect for the cause, the statute for the power that makes and executes it. The world has had many ethical teachers, but few religious teachers. The world has ethics; it needs religion.

All honour to the ethical man! Life is better for his presence, but the truth in his creed is just a fragment of the eternal plan of life.

Richard L. Evans

# A DISSOLVER OF DOUBT*

ELDER CHARLES A. CALLIS
PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN STATES MISSION

IT IS the pure testimony of the Spirit that reaches the hearts of the children of men. As I listened this morning to the President of the Church and the other speakers, I recalled the words which the haughty and wicked king of Babylon addressed to Daniel, the Hebrew prophet. The king said to him:

> And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts.—Daniel 5: 16.

Could a more eloquent tribute be paid to the prophetic office of a man of God than that? Is it not wonderful to dispel darkness and to dissolve doubt? It is the truth, as the Saviour said, that makes us free.

With all my heart I believe that the Gospel is a dissolver of doubt. One of the greatest editors that this country has ever produced lost his boy, five years old, by death. Friends endeavoured to console him in his great bereavement. The man of letters said:

> Now, all that deeply concerns me is the evidence that we shall live hereafter, and especially that we shall live with and know those we loved here. *If* I felt sure on the point of identifying and being with our loved ones in the world to come, etc.

The Gospel answers this question. The Apostle Paul said:

> But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.—2 Timothy 1: 10.

The Prophet Joseph Smith, the founder of this Church through the will of God, was given a most comprehensive and inspired definition of truth:

> And truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come.—Doctrine and Covenants 93: 24.

This choice seer "gazed on the past; the future, too, and opened the heavenly worlds to view."

This religion of which I am proud, this religion designated by the world as "Mormonism", brings the consolation of divine comfort to the hearts of stricken parents, that their babies laid away in death, their youth who have been called to the other side, shall be restored to them in the resurrection, and that parents shall have the joy of rearing infant children, in the resur-

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rection, to manhood and to womanhood; for "God will finish what he hath begun."

"Mormonism" dissolves doubt as to the origin of man. We believe in the immortal origin of men and women; that God is the Father of our spirits—that we had a royal ancestry. And the Latter-day Saint, whose path is lighted by the inspiration of the Spirit of God, will never say to the Almighty as He said some people would say: Thou formed me not. No, "Mormonism" gives the answer, vouchsafed to us in holy writ and modern and ancient revelation, that the Almighy is the Father of our spirits, that we lived as individuals in spiritual form before we came to this earth.

Another thing: "Mormonism" dissolves any and every doubt concerning the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Book of Mormon, which is another witness for God, testifies—and that is one of the main purposes for which it was written—that Jesus is the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world, and the Saviour of mankind; that He redeemed us from death, and brought to light, life and immortality, through obedience to the Gospel. This is the testimony that we bear to the world. Our doubts have been dissolved by the Gospel; and, instead of doubt and uncertainty, the light, the testimony of the Holy Ghost, the power that guides into all truth, fills our hearts, and we can say, with Job: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth."

Thank God for the Gospel. Thank God for the Holy Ghost. Thank God for the inspired prophets, seers and revelators who, by their ministry and the word of life, have dissolved all doubts and dispelled the clouds of darkness.

I bear you testimony that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; that Joseph Smith was His prophet, and that he, like Daniel, was a dissolver of doubts, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

Elder and Sister John H. Taylor have been appointed superintendents of the Latter-day Saints' Missionary Home in Salt Lake City, to succeed Elder and Sister LeRoi C. Snow, who have been in charge of the home since its founding in 1924. This announcement was made on June 8th by Elder David O. McKay, chairman of the home supervisory committee. Elder Snow has been appointed to a position in the Church Historian's Office. Until recently Elder Taylor presided over the Northern States Mission.

A recent palestine letter from Elder Joseph W. Booth brings word of much favourable notice in the Press of that land. "A local Arabic paper, the *Aljkdam*," writes Brother Booth,

"printed my photo and paid a very high compliment to our work, and republished an article of mine from a Mohammedan paper in Aleppo of last year. Then the *Palestine Bulletin* has accepted and printed a column article that I sent to them as a supplement to their data on the plague of locusts here this season. It compared Utah to Palestine in many features, and then told the story of the 'grasshopper war' of 1848."

## THE M. I. A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"ABUNDANT LIFE through wholesome use of leisure time" and the new slogan for the coming M. I. A. season—"We stand for law; for people who live it; and for officers who enforce it"—formed the dual message to the thousands of workers and members who thronged from the United States, Canada and other countries to attend the Thirty-third Annual Conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which was held in Salt Lake City, Utah, U. S. A., June 8th, 9th and 10th.

Presidents Heber J. Grant, Anthony W. Ivins and Charles W. Nibley and a majority of the remaining General Authorities of the Church, together with the General Mutual Improvement officers, attended the meetings and social functions of the conference.

Appeals for stricter observance of the laws of God and the laws of the nation, and suggestions for the wholesome and enjoyable use of leisure time, were made. Plans for coming-year activities were formulated. M. I. A. departmental problems, M. I. A. courses in genealogy and the M. I. A.-Priesthood plan were considered and explained. Reading courses, better teaching, musical training, leadership and contest work were discussed and provided for. The proposals, decisions and plans that came from the Annual M. I. A. Conference will be given to Associations in the British Mission through the *Guide*, as they are needed, suitable or adaptable.

In connection with the conference, an outing was held on Friday evening at Saltair, the world-famed resort on the Great Salt Lake. On Saturday competitions in the Church-wide musical, dancing and oratorical contests were held, and terminated with a final competition and grand concert in the Tabernacle on Saturday evening. Inspirational gatherings overfilled the Tabernacle at the final meetings on Sunday afternoon and evening.

## PRIMARY CONFERENCE AND JUBILEE

CONCURRENT with the Annual M. I. A. Conference, the Jubilee Celebration of the Primary Association was held. The Primary

Association and the Mutual Improvement Association are complements of each other—the former does for children what the latter does for older persons. The two conferences are held jointly each year, but this being the fiftieth anniversary of organization for the Primary, unusual and inspiring features were added to conference routine.

A sight that is rarely duplicated was witnessed on the streets of Salt Lake City on Saturday afternoon, June 9th. Ten thousand happy, healthy, gaily dressed children paraded the main streets of the city, from which all traffic had been cleared. The great line of children was broken by floats from the ninety-nine stakes of the Church, each of which depicted Primary work, Primary ideals, native scenery or events in Church history.

Following this parade the art of pageantry was shown at its best. The children and thousands of spectators filled the great stadium of the University of Utah, where young Primary enthusiasts, amid a brilliant display of colour, performed, much to the credit of the children and their volunteer teachers.

The final outstanding feature of this celebration was the Sunday morning children's assembly in the Tabernacle. The great building was decorated with spring-coloured artificial flowers, handiwork of the children, typifying the springtime of life. As the tableau-program proceeded, it revealed Primary methods of instiling into child-lives, life's fundamentals—faith, service, loyalty, love, obedience and self-reliance. Disabled tots from the L. D. S. Primary Children's Hospital were brought to this meeting in wheel-chairs and on wheel-table beds. Although participants and audience were largely composed of children, the meeting was orderly, and proceeded with marked smoothness and facility. Heber J. Grant, President of the Church, and President May Anderson of the Primary Association paid tribute to the work among the young.

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## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Swedish Mission Arrivals:** To make the European Mission record of arrivals complete in the *Millennial Star*, the names of Scandinavian missionaries, who do not ordinarily touch at British ports, have been requested.

The following missionaries landed at Gothenburg from the *Stockholm*, and arrived in Stockholm on February 4th: Hilding J. Hanson, Salt Lake City, Utah; Emil C. Otteson, Salt Lake City, Utah; Roy W. Oscarson, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Arthur E. Britzell, Salt Lake City, Utah, landed from the *Frederik VIII*, at Malmo, and arrived at Stockholm on April 6th.

The following missionaries landed at Oslo, Norway, from the *Hellig Olaf*, and arrived in Stockholm on April 26th: Alvin R.

Erickson, Salt Lake City, Utah; Holger M. Sanders, Baker, Oregon.

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**Doings in the Districts:** *Bristol*—At a baptismal service held at Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, on June 19th, one person was baptized by Elder H. Gardell Jacobson and confirmed by President Alma C. Tranter.

*Hull*—A baptismal service was held at Cleethorpes on June 17th, at which one person was baptized by Elder DeLamar Holt and confirmed by Elder John L. Linton.

*Leeds*—On Saturday, June 9th, at 38 Park Square, the Leeds Branch gave a concert, directed by Brother George Camm. The participants, including members and their friends, displayed their talents in a creditable manner. Many attended.

*Liverpool*—On Saturday, June 30th, the Liverpool Branch, under the auspices of the branch recreation committee, enjoyed an outing to Calderstones Park. Outdoor games made the time pass enjoyably for the many who attended.

*London*—The Holloway Branch joined with the North London Branch in the evening meeting on June 17th to hear an address on character-building delivered by Dr. John T. Miller of Los Angeles, California. Dr. Miller also spoke to the Relief Society and Mutual Improvement organizations of these two branches on the following Wednesday and Thursday on the subject of vocational guidance. Many investigators were in attendance at these meetings.

*Manchester*—On Saturday, June 16th, a baptismal service was held in the Manchester Chapel, at which one person of the Bolton Branch was baptized by Elder Alvin G. Pack and confirmed by President J. Rulon Doxey.

*Norwich*—After an active and encouraging month among the people in the rural parts of Norfolk and Suffolk counties, the missionaries of the Norwich District met in their monthly report meeting at 80 Clapham Road, Lowestoft, on June 25th, rejoicing in the happiness and satisfaction that comes with diligent labour.

*Scottish*—On Sunday, June 24th, the Aberdeen Branch held its annual Relief Society conference, conducted by Sister Janet Sutherland, president of the organization. The officers were unanimously sustained, and a splendid program was carried out by the sisters. Earnest testimonies were borne; musical numbers were of high order, and the report of work done by the Society showed efforts worthy of commendation.

*Sheffield*—Under the auspices of the Sheffield Branch M Men a delightful Fathers' and Sons' outing was held at Castleton, Derbyshire. The group went by train to Hope, and joined in a hike from there to Castleton. The afternoon was spent in visiting the natural mountain caves for which that vicinity is famous. The most interesting feature of the day was the trip by boat through

the Speedwell mine, the scene of early explorations in search of lead. Commercially the mine did not pay, but a vast chamber, known as the bottomless pit, was uncovered, through which a river passes to an unknown destination. Here many of the mysteries of the under-earth are opened to the observer. Out-of-door sports and community singing contributed to the success of the happy gathering. The hope was expressed by many that such Fathers' and Sons' outings would occur annually, if not more frequently, throughout the District.

The monthly missionary report meeting was held in the Chapel at Sheffield on June 23rd. Gratifying reports were rendered, and all rejoiced in the testimony of the latter-day message. Immediately following this gathering a baptismal service was held for five persons, who were baptized and confirmed by Elders Arthur B. Livingston, William F. McKelvey, Merlan G. Wood, Ralph A. Garner and resident Elders George H. Bailey and George W. Thompson.

*Ulster*—A baptismal service was held at Helen's Bay on Sunday, June 17th, under the direction of President Evan H. Jenkins, at which six persons were baptized by Elders Lovell A. Youngberg, Edward L. Blacker and Joseph S. Brough. An inspiring outdoor meeting was held in the evening, and was attended by all the traveling missionaries of the District and by a goodly number of members and investigators. The theme of this gathering—Joseph Smith's First Prayer—was made doubly impressive by the open-air setting.

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## DEATH

HAWKES—Sister Emily Janet Hawkes, a loyal member of the Church in the North London Branch, London District, since her baptism in 1910, passed away on June 14th at the age of fifty-three. Funeral services were held under the direction of President Clinton L. Mills, who also spoke, as did Elder George W. Romney and local Elder William J. Mayton. Elder Joseph F. Parrish dedicated the grave.

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